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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 866**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Thomson and Brown**  
(Coauthor: Senator Thompson)

February 27, 1997

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An act to add and repeal Chapter 12.98 (commencing with Section 18986.80) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 866, as amended, Thomson. Human services: Solano County: pilot program.

Existing law provides for various health and social services for eligible individuals.

Existing law requires Placer County, with the assistance of the appropriate state departments, to implement a pilot program in Placer County, upon approval by that county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system.

This bill would enact similar provisions for a pilot project in Solano County.

This bill would make its provisions inoperative on July 1, 2002, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2003.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 12.98 (commencing with  
Section 18986.80) is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the  
Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 12.98. SOLANO COUNTY INTEGRATED HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

18986.80. (a) Solano County, with the assistance of  
the appropriate state departments, within the existing  
resources of those departments, shall implement a pilot  
program, upon approval of that county, for the funding  
and delivery of services and benefits through an  
integrated and comprehensive county health and human  
services system.

(b) The Solano County pilot project shall, in providing  
services through an integrated system to families and  
individuals, among other things, do all of the following:

(1) Implement and evaluate a system of universal  
intake for those seeking services.

(2) Implement and evaluate a system whereby a  
family or individual eligible for more than one service  
may be provided those services by as few as a single  
county employee, through an integrated, coordinated  
service plan.

(3) Implement and evaluate a system of  
administration that centralizes the management and  
support of client services.

(4) Implement and evaluate a system of reporting and  
accountability that provides for the combined provision  
of services as provided for in paragraph (2), without the  
loss of state or federal funds provided under current law.

(c) The integrated system may include, but need not  
be limited to, any or all of the following:

(1) Adoption services.

(2) Child abuse prevention services.

- (3) Child welfare services.
- (4) Delinquency prevention services.
- (5) Drug and alcohol services.
- (6) Mental health services.
- (7) Eligibility determination.
- (8) Employment and training services.
- (9) Foster care services.

- (10) Health services.
- (11) Public health services.

- (12) Housing services.

- (13) Medically indigent program services.

- (14) All other appropriately identified and targeted services, except for dental care.

(d) Programs or services shall be included in the pilot project only to the extent that federal funding to either the state or the county will not be reduced as a result of the inclusion of the services in the project. This pilot project shall not generate any increased expenditures from the General Fund.

(e) The county and the appropriate state departments shall jointly seek federal approval of the pilot project, as may be needed to ensure its funding and allow for the integrated provision of services.

(f) This chapter shall not authorize Solano County to discontinue meeting its obligations under current law to provide services or to reduce its accountability for the provision of these services.

(g) This chapter shall not authorize Solano County to reduce Solano County's eligibility under current law for state funding for the services included in the pilot project.

(h) Solano County shall utilize any and all state general and county funds that it is legally allocated or entitled to receive. Through the creation of integrated health and social services structures, the county shall maximize federal matching funds.

(i) The appropriate state departments that are assisting and cooperating in the implementation of the project authorized by this chapter shall have the authority to waive regulations regarding the method of providing services and the method of reporting and

1 accountability, as may be required to meet the goals set  
2 forth in subdivision (b).

3 ~~18986.81. (a) Solano County shall evaluate the pilot~~  
4 ~~program and shall prepare a final evaluation and submit~~  
5 ~~the final evaluation to the Governor or the Governor's~~  
6 ~~designee and the appropriate policy committees of the~~  
7 ~~Legislature not later than six months following the third~~  
8 ~~year of the implementation of the pilot program. The~~  
9 ~~pilot program shall be considered to have met its~~  
10 ~~objectives if at least 5 percent of the families or~~  
11 ~~individuals eligible for more than one service in the~~  
12 ~~second year and 10 percent in the third year are provided~~  
13 ~~those services as set forth in this chapter.~~

14 ~~(b) The county, with the assistance of the appropriate~~  
15 ~~state departments, shall seek private funding to provide~~  
16 ~~for the evaluation of the pilot program. The evaluation~~  
17 ~~required by this section shall be conducted only if~~  
18 ~~nonstate resources are made available for this purpose.~~

19 *18986.81. (a) Solano County shall evaluate the pilot*  
20 *program and prepare interim and final evaluations and*  
21 *submit them to the Governor or the Governor's designee*  
22 *and the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.*  
23 *The interim report shall be submitted not later than six*  
24 *months following the third year of the implementation of*  
25 *the pilot program. The final report shall be submitted not*  
26 *later than January 1, 2003.*

27 *(b) The county shall provide for the evaluation of the*  
28 *pilot program.*

29 *(c) The success of the pilot program shall be judged by*  
30 *the extent to which Solano County meets the following*  
31 *goals:*

32 *(1) The number of clients referred to institutional care*  
33 *is decreased by ten percent.*

34 *(2) Twenty-five percent of the families and*  
35 *individuals seeking services from the departments*  
36 *participating in the pilot program are served by a single*  
37 *point of contact.*

38 *(3) The average administrative cost per client is*  
39 *reduced by ten percent.*

1     *(d) If the pilot program fails to achieve the goals*  
2     *specified in subdivision (c), the pilot program shall be*  
3     *deemed to have failed and shall not be continued.*

4     18986.82. This chapter shall become inoperative on  
5     July 1, 2002, and, as of January 1, 2003, is repealed, unless  
6     a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or  
7     before January 1, 2003, deletes or extends the dates on  
8     which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

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